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8. (Secret - JMM) In the absence of Frank Slatinshek, Acting Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, I left word with his secretary to call his attention to the Beecher article in the New York Times on the Soviet ICBM program, noting that it was substantially accurate as far as it went and I would fill him in on it at the first opportunity.

9. (Confidential - JMM) Discussed with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, the Foreign Relations Committee hearings on the Cooper bill to make intelligence material freely available to the Congress. Braswell pointed out that the bill when initially introduced was referred to the Foreign Relations and Armed Services Committees "jointly" thus calling for joint hearings. He said that in such circumstances hearings by the Foreign Relations Committee alone are invalid, and speculates that if he wishes, Senator Stennis can challenge any action by the Foreign Relations Committee on this basis. However, Braswell is not sure how Stennis plans to handle this matter. 25X1A

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